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1. Since 11 June 1952 there have been increased rumors concerning the "arrest" or removal of Stalin.
2. The rumor concerning the Stalin arrest mentions Molotov or Vishinsky as the replacement but the rumor picked up that Vishinsky is possibly on the way out because he is a "mere foreign office official" implying that he is a civil servant with low Party ranking. Western diplomatic circles agree that many Stalin pictures have been removed from prominent positions and give as the reason the possible play-down of Soviet adulation. Nevertheless, pictures and busts are still prominent in the following places:
- a. UTM (Uniunea Tineretului Muncitor-Youth Labor Union) Lakeside Club
 - b. UFD (Uniunea Femeilor Democrate-Womans Democratic Union) Club
 - c. Ministry of Justice
 - d. Ministry of Commerce
 - e. Bucharest Sfatul Popular Headquarters
 - f. A factory along Stefan Cel Mare Street. This appears to refute reports that Party organizations have received instructions to remove pictures.

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